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The Run

I run. I know it's crazy and I'll most likely get caught, but I do.

"Get back here, you twerp!" I hear Fox's Australian accent yell in the distance.

"I don't like that nickname as much, beastly! What about that one you had last week? I really liked that one!" I teased. I looked back to see how close he was. I was in the woods, during the night. Not the most perfect Saturday...but it was something. I guess I should be used to this by now.

"Great...he's far behind." I sighed, but didn't slow down. This is Fox, he has tricks up his sleeve. Always be prepared. I look sideways and get distracted by something glowing. I trip over a stump on the ground.

"Of course! It's always the fricken stumps!" Everything goes black and I'm laying on the floor, just breathing...again.

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I wake up with a splitting headache. I'm not sure where I am. I don't even remember how I got here.

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"Listen," I began whispering the words from my head.

"Hello? Is anybody there?" I ask raising my voice. Fox may still be here in these very woods. I have to be careful. I get up, looking around. As soon as I get up I start to walk when all of a sudden, I'm down on the ground again. Pain shoots through my leg. I let out a silent scream and close my eyes. I look down at my leg and notice the huge cut going down my leg from my thigh to my calf. The cut was deep and painful.

"Somebody...help!" But nobody will come. I know this. I don't want to...but I do.

"Somebody...he-" I'm out. Darkness surrounds me.

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A flame. It bursts across my eyesight faster than anything I've seen before. I try to talk, but I can't. It happens again...the flame. The orange is so bright. It's not a fire...It's something else. But what?

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